

PATENT CLAIMS

1. Switching of a communications unit (14) to the softphone (15) of a PC via an electrical connection, characterized in that a control unit (9) is coupled between the communications unit (14) and the softphone (15), said control unit being adapted to transfer commands to the softphone (15), both when the PC is coupled in normal position and when the PC is coupled in security position.
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- 10 2. Switching according to claim 1, characterized in that the control unit (9) is connected to the softphone via a USB gate (6), while the communications unit (14) is connected by a wire (12) to the control unit (9).
- 15 3. Switching according to claim 1, characterized in that the control unit (9) is connected wirelessly, e.g. by a short range Bluetooth connection, to the softphone and the communications unit (14).
- 20 4. Switching according to claims 1 – 2, characterized in that the control unit (9) has a plurality of setting buttons (10), e.g. three.
- 25 5. Switching according to claims 1 – 3, characterized in that the PC, when blocked for use by the security setting, is open for the reception of a limited number of commands from the control unit (9) to the softphone (15).
6. Switching according to claims 1 – 4, characterized in that the control unit (9) comprises a sound card.
30 7. Switching according to claims 1 – 6, characterized in that the communications unit (14) is formed by a passive headset consisting of a microphone and a speaker.

8. Switching according to claims 1 – 6, characterized in that the communications unit (14) is formed by an active headset with its own power supply and control buttons.

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9. Switching according to claim 8, characterized in that the headset is powered from the USB gate (6) via the control unit (9) for the charging of the headset.